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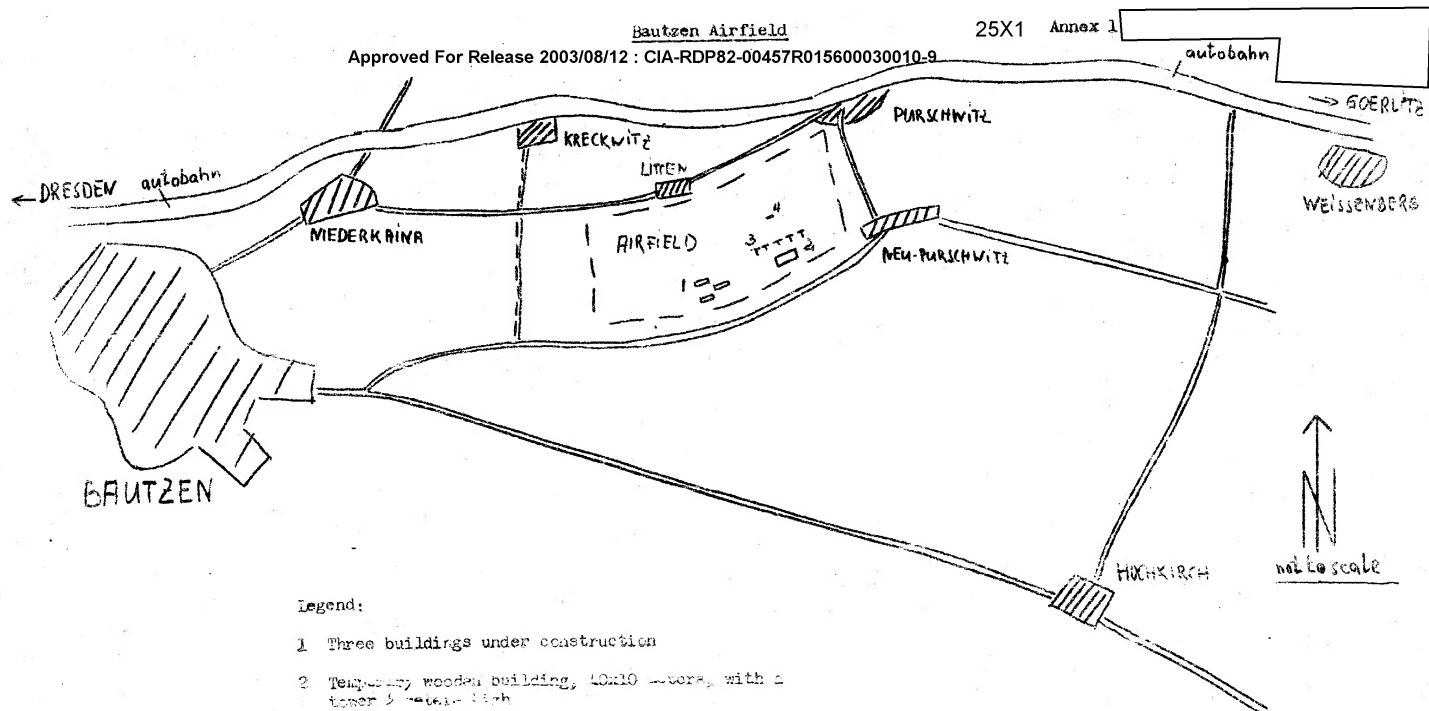
COUNTRY	East Germany	REPORT NO.	
TOPIC	Bautzen Airfield		
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1. On 6 October 1952, source observed that the level of Bautzen (Litten-Neupurschwitz) airfield sloped slightly to the east, had a grass cover and was crossed by field paths which were no longer used. The field could be observed very well from the Purschwitz-Neupurschwitz road and from the road parallelling the southern edge of the landing field. The field was about 2,000 meters in length from east to west, and about 700 meters in width from north to south. Several sentries and double sentries were seen at the field. A radio truck, the mast of which might have been erected by the side of the truck, was also observed.¹
 2. School flying was conducted at Bautzen airfield on 4 October.
 3. Between 7 and 14 October, VP personnel were continuously being trained with light training aircraft at Litten-Neupurschwitz airfield. On 10 October, source counted 40 planes at the field compared with 13 on the other days of the reported period. At noon on 9 October, a plane crashed. In early October, sections for two prefabricated single-story houses were trucked to the field. There were no indications of the intended construction of a runway.²
 4. On 7 October, five VP units of 100 men each were in a formation at the Husaren Kaserne in Bautzen.³
1. Comment. For location sketch of the field, see Annex 1.
 2. Comment. According to available information, the VP air division has been equipped with 45 to 50 trainers stationed at Bautzen, Kamenz and Cottbus airfields. It is unknown, why the bulk of these planes was assembled at Bautzen airfield on 10 October. Most of the trainers consigned to the Volkspolizei are of Yak-12 type.
3. Comment. The Husaren Kaserne in Bautzen quarters a VP air regiment having a strength of 1,200 to 1,500 men.

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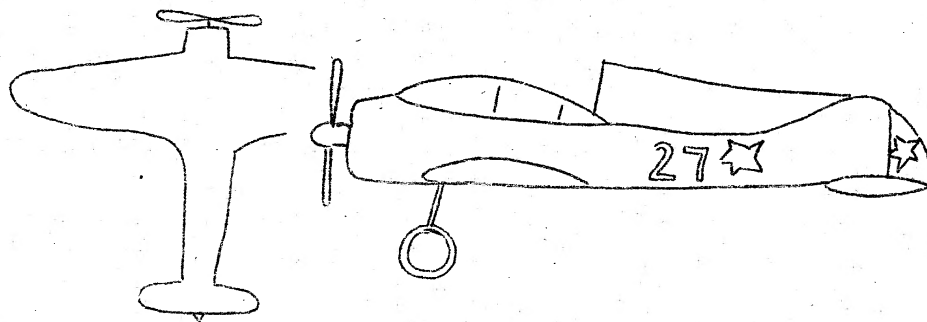
Legend:

- 1 Three buildings under construction
- 2 Temporary wooden building, 40x10 meters, with a tower 3 meters high
- 3 Aircraft dispersal area
- 4 Radio shack

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Trainer Observed at Bautzen Airfield

Annex 2



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